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### Washington's 2005 Winter Wheat Harvest Underway; Production 8 Percent Above 2004; Spring Wheat and Barley Production Drop

OLYMPIA, Wash. July 12, 2005 -- Based on July 1, 2005 conditions, **winter wheat** production in Washington is expected to reach 127.7 million bushels, 8 percent above 2004. Both an increase in harvested acres and yields from 2004 contributed to this increase.

Harvest is just getting underway in Washington. At an estimated 69.0 bushels per acre for winter wheat, this would be 2 bushels above 2004 and unchanged from the June 1 forecast. Acreage harvested was estimated at 1.85 million acres, 100,000 acres more than was harvested in 2004.

**Spring wheat** production was estimated at 19.6 million bushels, 25 percent below last year. The yield based on July 1 conditions was 45.0 bushels per acre, 5 bushels below last year. Harvested acreage was estimated at 435,000 acres, a decrease of 90,000 acres from 2004. Lack of moisture this spring contributed to many growers decisions to seed fewer acres than in 2004.

**Barley** production was estimated at 12.3 million bushels, 28 percent below last year. The yield per acre, at 60 bushels per acre, was 10 bushels below 2004. Like spring wheat seedings, lack of moisture resulted in 205,000 acres for harvest, 40,000 acres fewer than in 2004.

Total wheat production for the Pacific Northwest including Washington, Oregon and Idaho was 308.8 million bushels, an increase of 3 percent from 2004. Winter wheat production in the Pacific Northwest was up 8 percent while spring wheat production was down 15 percent. Joe Parsons, Acting Director Washington Agricultural Statistics added "winter wheat production looks very good this year while spring wheat and barley production have suffered from the drought".

Estimates of winter wheat and barley planted by varieties for 2005 will be issued simultaneously with this report. Copies of the variety report are available upon request. The next production estimates for wheat and barley will be published August 12, 2005.

### Wheat & Barley: Area Harvested, Yield, & Production, 2004-2005, July 1

Crop	Washington						Pacific NW 1/		United States	
	Harvested		Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Wheat:	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels					
Winter	1,750	1,850	67	69	117,250	127,650	227,830	246,050	1,499,434	1,525,302
Spring	525	435	50	45	26,250	19,575	73,360	62,700	568,918	588,740
Barley	245	205	70	60	17,150	12,300	81,768	72,450	279,253	242,877

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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## Winter Wheat Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2003-2005

State	Acres Harvested		Yield			Production		
	2004	2005	2004	June 2005	July 2005	2003	2004	2005
	<b>Acres</b>		<b>Bushels</b>			<b>1,000 Bushels</b>		
<b>Washington</b>	<b>1,750</b>	1,850	<b>67.0</b>	69.0	69.0	<b>117,000</b>	<b>117,250</b>	127,650
Oregon	780	840	61.0	58.0	61.0	47,940	47,580	51,240
Idaho	700	730	90.0	91.0	92.0	57,600	63,000	67,160
<b>Pacific NW</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>222,540</b>	<b>227,830</b>	<b>246,050</b>
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	40.0	39.0	480,000	314,500	374,400
Oklahoma	4,700	3,900	35.0	34.0	33.0	179,400	164,500	128,700
Montana	1,630	2,050	41.0	41.0	43.0	67,340	66,830	88,150
Colorado	1,700	2,400	27.0	32.0	27.0	77,000	45,900	64,800
Texas	3,500	3,200	31.0	30.0	31.0	96,600	108,500	99,200
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	37.0	43.0	41.0	83,720	61,050	69,700
Ohio	890	830	62.0	68.0	68.0	68,000	55,180	56,440
<b>10 States</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>27,100</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>1,274,600</b>	<b>1,044,290</b>	<b>1,127,440</b>
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>34,462</b>	<b>34,271</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>1,716,721</b>	<b>1,499,434</b>	<b>1,525,302</b>

## Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2000-2005 1/ 2/

Year	Winter					Spring					
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Durum	Total
	<b>1,000 Bushels</b>										
2000	846,036	468,856			246,831	502,318			54,314	109,805	2,228,160
2001	765,898	397,098			190,123	475,085			35,693	83,556	1,947,453
2002	620,328	320,968			195,705	351,439			37,478	79,960	1,605,878
2003	1,070,996	380,435			265,290	499,674			31,728	96,637	2,344,760
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	923,647	315,047	26,983	259,625	286,608	551,906	4,570	32,264	36,834	94,075	2,208,117

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season, except for States where updated information is available.

2/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates not available prior to 2005.

## Winter Wheat: Heads per Square Foot 1/, Selected States, 2000-2005

State & Month		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 2/
		<b>Number</b>					
CO	July	48.0	34.2	35.9	38.9	32.8	44.1
	Final	47.7	33.9	35.6	38.4	32.1	2/
KS	July	46.5	39.7	41.7	50.4	41.2	47.8
	Final	46.5	39.7	41.7	50.6	41.4	2/
MT	July	41.3	25.6	36.3	44.5	40.2	48.7
	Final	40.3	25.2	34.3	42.9	40.4	2/
OK	July	40.2	32.5	40.2	46.8	40.5	39.4
	Final	40.2	32.5	40.2	46.8	40.5	2/
TX	July	31.4	33.4	34.2	36.3	31.7	32.4
	Final	31.6	33.4	34.2	36.3	31.7	2/
<b>WA</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>39.3</b>
	<b>Final</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>2/</b>

1/ Based on the number of heads counted in plots selected for the objective yield survey.

2/ Final head counts will be published in the "Small Grains 2005 Summary" in September.